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To whom it may concern,

By way of introduction, my name is Michaela Delaney and I would like to take this opportunity to explain my reasons for applying for the ByrneWallace Summer Internship Programme 2017. I am an enthusiastic and driven Griffith College Law student that is currently seeking to diversify my experience across different areas of law.

My judicial internship in Philadelphia with the Brehon Law Society placed me at the forefront of US family and criminal law and legal disputes through court proceedings. I worked closely with Justice Furlong and his personal team, as well as courthouse personnel. This experience greatly improved my legal research and interpersonal skills. I am now eager to build on my experience with the Brehon Law Society and gain exposure to complex corporate and commercial legal issues. These are areas of law that I am currently studying in college and I believe that the ByrneWallace Summer Internship Programme offers a unique opportunity to see how theoretical legal issues are put into practice in a real commercial setting. Added to this, the opportunity to learn from market leading advisors would be an invaluable experience.

Through attending the Start-Ed legal events I have had the opportunity to meet with qualified solicitors and see how the legal theory I learn in a classroom is applied in real situations. This experience is invaluable. I have seen from the ByrneWallace website that the firm’s goal is clearly to hire and train the best solicitors to maintain a high degree of excellence.

As event coordinator for Griffith College conferences, I have undertaken a leadership role in ensuring that the events run smoothly and as planned. I greet the speakers and those attending upon arrival and oversee the smooth transition between speakers and their networking opportunities. I liaise with clients to ensure customer satisfaction. It is my responsibility to report any issues which arise during the conferences and take measures in problem resolution to ensure that they do not re-occur. From this experience, my interpersonal skills have been further developed.

My most recent experience, as a Sales Assistant in The Silken Thomas, has proven the transferability of my skills to different fields. My communication and interpersonal skills have allowed me to perform well in this role. My hospitality experience has allowed me to work on brand building and representation, while also allowing me to demonstrate my soft skills in a professional environment. I work hard in representing the Silken Thomas brand and reputation of friendly, attentive staff. I believe that I would be an excellent addition to the ByrneWallace team because of this. It is clear from the website that the firm prides itself on customer satisfaction and success. I have proved on countless occasions that I can provide a high standard of customer service.

The award I received for excellence in the English language from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth highlighted that my strengths lie within the English language and communication. This was further supported in my participation in the mooting and debating society. I recently represented my college in the DCU mooting competition. My wish to be involved in the commercial sector saw me apply to become the first branch manager of the school bank in Kildare Town Community School.

However, having demonstrated the application of my skills across several sectors, I now seek the challenge of diversifying further into the corporate and commercial law sectors. I believe my proven adaptability, especially in fast paced and changing environments, coupled with my passion and enthusiasm for law, makes me the perfect candidate for an internship position with Byrne Wallace.

Outside of work and college, I have been fortunate enough to do a lot of travelling abroad with my family and friends. This has allowed me to see many different cultures and ways of life. It has also enabled me to broaden my view of the world, become more open minded and enhance my communication skills. I have been involved in sports from a young age and was part of the inaugural women’s rugby teams to play in the Aviva Stadium. I regularly box in the gym and go swimming with family or friends. I grew up surfing over the Summer in West Cork and this is an activity I love to participate in whenever I get the opportunity. I also enjoy walking my two dogs.

Aside from sports and exercise, I love spending time with family and friends. My family and I frequently organise game nights together. Since I was a child I have been an avid reader of various genres of novels.

I would welcome the opportunity for an interview at your convenience and thank you in advance for your time and consideration. I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Michaela Delaney.